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Tasks 1 and 2: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: AI is Changing the World

Read the following text. For **questions 1 – 6**, decide whether the statements are true or false. Write T for true or F for false. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

While the great and the good worry about the dangers of artificial intelligence, my friends are embracing it to pad out their emails and cut corners in the kitchen. It's been a drama-filled week for OpenAI, the creator of ChatGPT. Its wunderkind CEO Sam Altman has been unceremoniously booted out by its board and more than 600 staff members are now threatening to quit unless he's allowed back in.

As a writer, I am of course duty-bound to swear on my copy of Law for Journalists that I did not use OpenAI's chatbot to write this column – or did I? Even if I did, why would I fess up to it? Thanks to disastrously unpopular attempts by the likes of BuzzFeed to create AI-assisted content, its name is mud in the media industry. Saying you use ChatGPT is like admitting you thought that *Skynet* had a point.

I always regarded the chatbot as something of an outsider, a dirty little productivity tool. Using it was effectively declaring that your job was redundant – the equivalent of screaming "Automate me, Agent Smith!" in *The Matrix*. But then I realised that people I know are using it in ways I'd never considered. "Oh, I just use it to write emails," one friend said airily over lunch this summer. "People always expect these long, polite responses when I just want to say 'Yes, do it' or 'No, don't do it', so I simply ask ChatGPT to pad my message out."

In a taxi on the way to a wedding, a guest told me that he feeds data into ChatGPT when he's feeling unimaginative: "Just to see if it can spot any trends. Sometimes it can get it totally wrong, but it does come up with some interesting stuff." And just this month, I went to a friend's place for dinner and found him typing the ingredients of his fridge into ChatGPT so it could come up with a recipe. Turns out you can make spaghetti bolognese with the leftover pulp from carrot juice – who knew?

Not exactly the stuff of *I, Robot*. But while we get wrapped up in the intrigue of tech company drama or breathless theorizing about the as-yet unseen future, it's easy to forget that people are already using AI tools in utterly mundane, banal ways to cut corners and save a bit of time and effort. ChatGPT alone claims to attract around 100m users a week. Not everyone on the internet is a sinister user making deepfakes of Bugs Bunny doing offensive things to Scrooge McDuck.

(0) Many people fear the threats of AI.

 T

- (1) OpenAI's CEO Sam Altman has been removed from his position by the board. _____
- (2) BuzzFeed has successfully created AI-assisted content. _____
- (3) ChatGPT is widely used by media industry professionals. _____
- (4) The author's friend uses ChatGPT primarily to write lengthy emails. _____
- (5) People using ChatGPT are often looking for creative inspiration. _____
- (6) AI tools are currently being used only for disturbing purposes on the internet. _____

(Adapted from <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/nov/21/ai-is-changing-the-world-and-i-have-just-eaten-the-underwhelming-pasta-that-proves-it>)

(6 points)

Task 2: F1 in Las Vegas: A Roaring Spectacle for Fans, but a Huge Headache for Locals

Read the following text. Choose which **sentences A – I** best fit the gaps 1 – 6. There are three extra sentences that do not fit any of the gaps. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

(0) (J) On Saturday night, Formula One racecars will be dashing down the Las Vegas Strip and buzzing past towering casinos, just outside one of many, now inaccessible, convenience stores. (1) ____ They have also covered the glass on pedestrian walkways with white film and floodlights, obscuring the festivities from those without a \$1,000 ticket.

Race and county officials described the barriers and film as safety measures to protect the public and drivers. But to workers and small-business owners, it is the latest indignity of a monthslong construction project that has turned the Strip into a racetrack, while also causing huge headaches. Organizers have advertised the Las Vegas Grand Prix as a sporting and economic success story years in the making. (2) _____ Not only that, numerous concerts will be held and \$1 billion will be generated in economic activity on a normally quiet pre-Thanksgiving weekend.

But local businesses and workers say they have been disproportionately forced to pay the price — in reduced profits, layoffs and exasperated hours stranded in traffic. They say that while the race may fill airports with private planes and penthouse suites with high-rollers, the losses suffered by everyday workers and small businesses are being overlooked. (3) _____ Crews have repaved roads to accommodate Formula One racers going 200 miles per hour, built a pit area and erected temporary grandstands to accommodate 105,000 fans.

Hourly workers at hotels and restaurants also say they have been hit hard. (4) ____ Some people's commute times have tripled. "They don't pay me for the extra time," said Carmen Gomez, who works nights sweeping the pedestrian bridges that span Las Vegas Boulevard. She said her 15-minute bus ride to work now takes an hour.

Fans and race organizers are calling the Grand Prix a triumphant return. Formula 1 racing is back to Las Vegas for the first time in 40 years. The race on Saturday is the first in what is expected to be a decade of racing. (5) _____ It's part of campaign to diversify the Strip with new sports stadiums and a Magic 8 ball of an amphitheater called the Sphere.

One of the questions still looming like a cloud of exhaust over the race is whether it can draw enough people to fill 105,000. (6) _____ On Friday, the day before the race, there were still tickets available for the three-day event, and ticket prices on resale websites were going for less than full price.

- A. This means the race will infuse Las Vegas with celebrities.
- B. Some waiters and bartenders have lost thousands of dollars in tips because of a drop in customers.
- C. This means that fans of F1 have been waiting for ten years to hear the unforgettable sound of super-fast engines.
- D. Not only that, it will for sure increase total revenue of Las Vegas Formula 1 race through ticket sales.
- E. Many business owners say they have lost customers over the past six months as construction and road closures turned the Strip into a gridlocked labyrinth.
- F. Local officials say they want a "lifetime partnership" with Formula 1.
- G. Also, some wonder whether it can generate all of the predicted economic returns for Las Vegas.
- H. One owner of a gas station says his revenue this year is down \$2.2 million compared with 2022.
- I. Race organizers have covered the Strip in black tarp and fencing.
- ~~J. Formula 1 is welcoming a new street racetrack, this time in a very blingy location.~~

(Adapted from <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/18/us/f1-las-vegas-grand-prix.html>)

(6 points)

TASKS 3 – 6: USE OF ENGLISH

Task 3: Don't Try This on Vacation: Learning from Other Travelers' Mistakes

Read the following text. For each gap (1 – 8), use a word from the box. There are three words that you do not need. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

Sometimes the most effective lessons sting a bit. For Nadia Caffesse, that pain came in the form of a number of tiny needles lodged in her hands, forearms and chest. In September 2006, Mrs. Caffesse and her family were driving through a National Park in Texas, (0) **A** she found herself admiring the native blind prickly pear cactuses along the rocky roadside. One of them would make a nice addition (1) _____ her garden, she thought, so she decided to ask her family to pull (2) _____ so she could pick one.

She was violating a (3) _____ rule when visiting a national park: Take only memories and leave only footprints. "They aren't just pretty words," she said. "They are (4) _____ poetic threat." She knew she (5) _____ a mistake the second she grabbed the paddle of the cactus. "The pain was instant, searing and, because of the diffuse nature of all those tiny needles, unrelenting," Mrs. Caffesse recalled. She finished her day (6) _____ with a souvenir to take home, but with red, swollen arms and an enduring respect for the rules.

We often hear of tourist misbehavior, some serious and some innocent, drawing public outrage. This year alone, a man was (7) _____ carving his and his girlfriend's name into a wall at the Roman Colosseum; children in England defaced a more than 200-year-old statue with bright blue crayon; and in Paris, the opening of the Eiffel Tower was (8) _____ one morning after security officials said they had found two American tourists sleeping in the monument overnight.

In the early 1980s, Michael Koegel found himself in Rome with a few friends. Near the Appian Way they discovered an entrance to some catacombs and decided to explore. As the friends marched single (9) _____ into the dark, they could hear, but not see, a tour somewhere in the distance. All was going smoothly until one friend suddenly vanished. "I heard the rush of gravel and a sickly thud," Mr. Koegel recalled. "Afraid to move, I thrust my lighter into the darkness, but saw nothing. I called out his name several times but got no (10) _____." Finally, after several tense minutes, they heard a muffled, "I'm OK."

	A	B	C	D
(0)	where	when	-	that
(1)	in	to	of	for
(2)	up	out	over	in
(3)	important	ordinal	main	cardinal
(4)	the	an	-	a
(5)	made	has made	had made	have made
(6)	also	not	out	off
(7)	recorded	verified	noted	recognized
(8)	stopped	furloughed	delayed	latered
(9)	heading	way	file	pace
(10)	respond	responded	responding	response

(Adapted from <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/23/travel/travel-advice.html>)

(10 points)

Task 4: Bobbi Althoff

Read the following text. For each gap 1-10, think of **one** word that best fits the text. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

25-year-old Bobbi Althoff is quickly becoming one of (0) **the** biggest and most polarizing podcasters of the year. As people are feverishly asking and googling who Bobbi Althoff is, here is what you need to know about the woman who some people feel "popped up out of (1) _____ air." The TikToker who seemingly rose (2) _____ obscurity to having to shut (3) _____ rumours she is in a relationship with rapper Drake.

Althoff first became known as a mom influencer on TikTok before privatizing her account and reemerging (4) _____ comedic content. Clips from her podcast "The Really Good Podcast" have amassed tens of millions of views on the app. (5) _____ launching the podcast in 2021, she has managed to score A-list interviews with Drake and Lil Yachty, among others, in a shockingly short amount of time.

The quick rise (6) _____ success has also led some to accuse the influencer and host (7) _____ being an industry plant. Along with her star-studded guests, Althoff herself has become famous (or infamous, rather) (8) _____ being a deliberately deadpan persona. The influencer talks slowly and quietly and often takes pauses in order (9) _____ create discomfort. The humour of her videos is less about punch lines and (10) _____ about seeing the baffled and unexpected reactions from the celebrities she interviews. Her podcast clips are often in video format, so her facial expressions and those of her guests play a crucial role.

(Adapted from: The Insider: <https://www.insider.com/bobbi-althoff-mom-influencer-tiktok-podcast-drake-lil-yachty-funnymarco-2023-7>)

(10 points)

Task 5: How to Spot a Bad Public Speaker?

Read the following text. Use the word in brackets **to form a new word that best fits each gap**. Use only **one word** in each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

It is always easy to spot a bad public speaker and here are five things that give them away.

Lack of preparation. Bad speakers are (0) unprepared (**prepare**): they stand up and clear their throat several times, often shuffling papers or (1) _____ (**adjust**) their laptop. Nerves can hit us all, but if we are properly prepared and know our subject we can conquer them. When bad speakers start, they are often unsure of their objective – why are they there? A good, well prepared story, should have a beginning, a middle and an end. When I say ‘story’, I mean that every speech, however technical, should aim to be (2) _____ (**inform**), educational and entertaining, as the BBC slogan used to say.

Bad traits. Most people don’t listen to their voices or have a (3) _____ (**rehearse**) in front of a mirror or video camera. That makes it (4) _____ (**possibility**) for them to hear how they sound or see how they look. It is not just what we say but the way we say it that will have an impact on the audience and help get our message across. Swaying, wandering around and a quivering voice all show that they lack (5) _____ (**confident**).

Wrong use of visual aids. How often have you seen a speaker turn their backs on the audience, face the screen and read (6) _____ (**loud**) everything written on it? Visual aids are (7) _____ (**help**) to those gathered to listen, not to the speaker to remember what they’re meant to be saying. They should amplify the message with interesting facts, images or graphs. Nothing is worse than the (8) _____ (**use**) of PowerPoint with slide after slide sending everybody into a stupor.

Fall apart with questions. Bad public speakers haven’t thought about the questions they might be asked. They are unprepared and don’t answer (9) _____ (**comprehensive**).

Mess up their timing. More evidence of bad public speakers is their inability to stick to the allotted time because they have yet to rehearse the speech thoroughly! It’s (10) _____ (**accept**) in business communication protocol not to respect other people’s time. Less is often more when it comes to speaking in public, but preparation is the key to confidence, and confidence is the key to a successful speech.

(Adapted from: <https://theenglishmanner.com/insights/how-to-spot-a-bad-public-speaker/>)

(10 points)

Task 6: Gap Filling

For statements 1-8, think of **one** word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sets of sentences. There is an example (0) at the beginning. Write your answers on the **Answer Sheet**.

- (0) Why are you so **moody** today?
Moody people are very difficult to deal with.
You need to change your **moody** attitude.
- (1) She's very _____ of the problems involved.
A patient who is not fully _____ shouldn't be left alone.
I made a _____ effort to get there on time.
- (2) There was only a _____ gap between the bed and the wall.
She was elected by a _____ majority.
She has a very _____ view of the world.
- (3) The restrictions do not _____ to us.
_____ the glue evenly over both surfaces.
You must _____ for the licence in person.
- (4) They tried to keep it _____.
There's a _____ passage leading to the beach.
Your _____ will be safe with me.
- (5) The farmhouse is _____ from the city.
This is my _____ cousin who lives in New Zealand.
Her theories are somewhat _____ from reality.
- (6) A job interview is a very _____ situation.
_____ intelligence mimics the human brain.
Lakes can be created in an _____ way.
- (7) We are concerned about the child's _____.
The state is still the main provider of _____.
They would rather work than live on _____.
- (8) I enclose the two plans for _____.
It is difficult to make a _____ with her previous book.
In terms of price there's no _____.

(8 points)

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST.